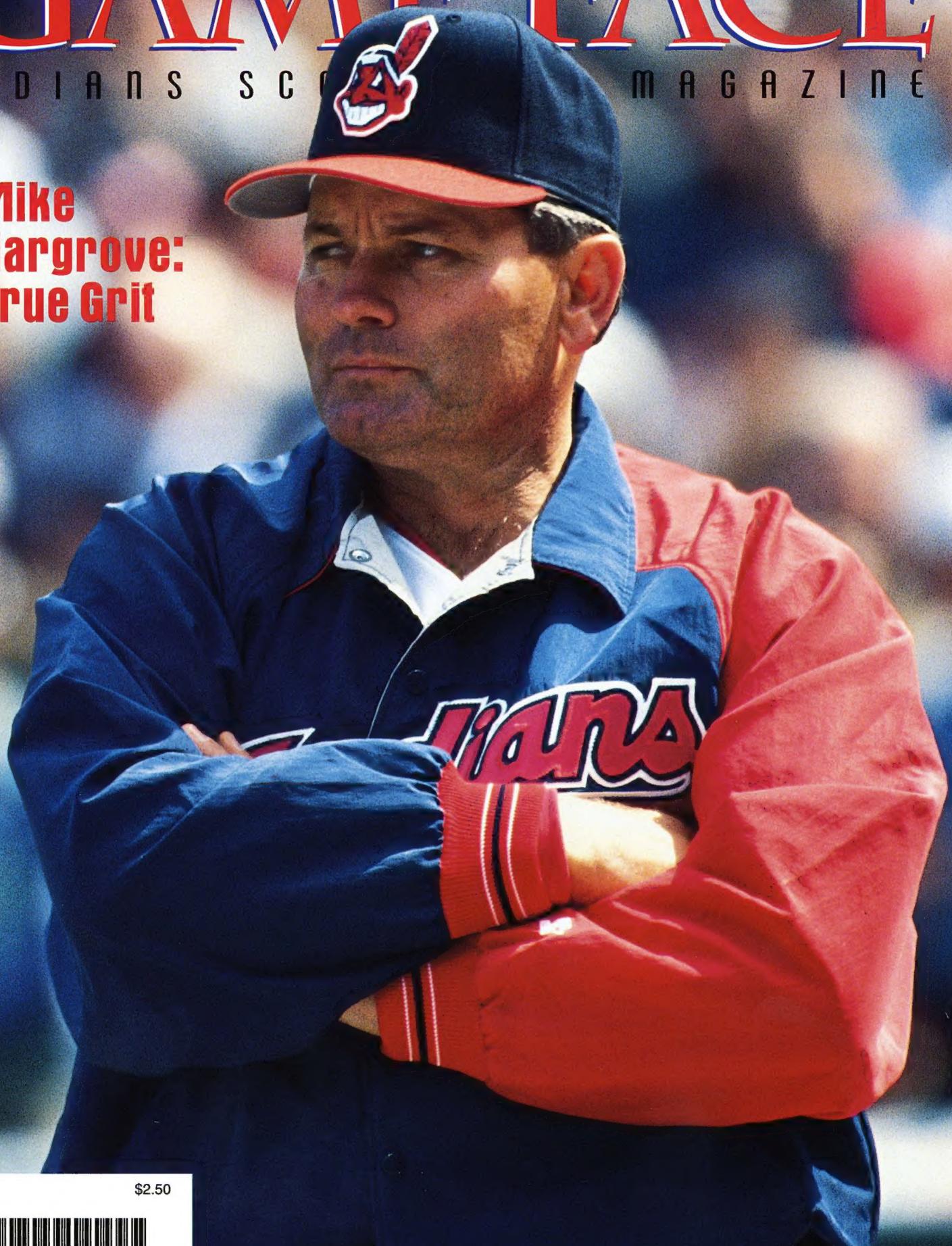


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# “Songs in Situations”

It's more than a coincidence that certain songs are played every time you are at the Ballpark. Call it kismet, call it fate, or call it good scoreboard coordination. Our scoreboard operators extraordinaire have spent many hours planning the right songs to get the crowd into a rockin' mood AND tell a story about the way the game is progressing.

In fact, if you are really good, you could tell the results of a play without even looking at the field. Listen for some of these favorites while enjoying the game:

## Pitching Change

Hit The Road Jack —Ray Charles

Changes —David Bowie  
Trouble In River City

—Robert Preston

All Shook Up —Elvis

Help —The Beatles

Substitute —The Who

## Batter Walks

Walk This Way—Aerosmith  
I'm Walkin'—Fats Domino

## Manager/Umpires Arguing

Misunderstanding

—Genesis

We Can Work It Out

—The Beatles

## 9th Inning (Our Starting Pitcher Attempting To Pitch Complete Game)

Finish What You Started

—Van Halen

## Long Fly Ball (Indians)

Off The Wall—Michael Jackson

## Long Fly Ball (Opposing Team)

Close But No Cigar—Thomas Dolby

## Great Play

That's The Way I Like It—KC & The Sunshine Band

Pinball Wizard, "How Do You Think He Does It"—The Who  
Ain't Nothin' Stopping You—Sam & Dave

## Player Ejected

Kiss Him Goodbye—Steam  
Kansas City, "Bye-Bye, Bye-Bye"—The Beatles

## Slider Intro.

Wild Thing—Major League Sound Track  
Bad To The Bone—George Thorogood



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## The underlying facts!

- \* Field Level—18 feet below street level
- \* Field consists of four different kinds of blue grass: (Adelphia, Eclipse, Midnight, A/34)

## How can Jacobs Field withstand enormous amounts of rainfall?

— An incredible drainage system.... The trick to this high-tech system is the four-foot change in elevation of the drainage lines from the high point (under the pitchers mound) to the lowest point of drainage (located beyond center field).

## How do they keep the field looking great all the time?

— Watering: A total of 67 sprinkler heads are located throughout the playing field area.

— Grass Maintenance: The field is cut every day when the Tribe is at home to keep the field at a consistent level for the players. The grass is cut every other day when the team is on the road—this helps the recovery time of the grass.

- Height of grass: 1 1/4"

## How is the pattern in the grass formed?

— Directional cutting with a reel mower (not a rotary mower).

- Infield soil consists of 75% sand and 25% clay. The infield is conditioned with seven tons of soil conditioner.
- Pitchers mound and home plate clay is blue gumbo (packing) clay; the entire mound and batters box area is made of this clay.
- Warning track can drain 24 inches of water per hour because all material is porous. The different materials used are gravel, asphalt and 1/2 inch layer of crushed rubber. The color of the track was chosen to match the color of the infield clay when wet.

## GET IN ON A GREAT OUTING!

### Let's Get Together!

An interest in the grand old game has again unfolded with a new season of Indians baseball at Jacobs Field to enjoy.

The Cleveland Indians are looking toward the future and we want you to be a part of it.

Hosting a group outing gives you and your friends a chance to join in on the "total experience" that is Indians baseball!

Your group of 30 or more can receive \$2.00 off the price of Upper Box (\$12) and Upper Reserve (\$10) Seats Monday through Thursday (starting April 25th).

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- Group posters to help promote your event.

Make plans today for a group outing, and you may have another "tradition" in your family.

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**Snacks**—Fresh popcorn, dry roasted peanuts and pretzels.

**Appetizers**—Classic shrimp cocktail and an assortment of the season's finest fruits and vegetables.

**Entrees**—Applewood smoked ribs and chicken with celery slaw and corn muffins; hot dogs with poppy seed buns; cold beef tender-

### Fund Raising Discounts!

Join forces at the Ballpark this summer and raise money for your cause! The Indians offer a \$4.00 ticket discount on four special dates (sell for \$2.00 off the regular admission price, and the other \$2.00 goes into "the kitty." Minimum 100 tickets). Make plans soon—limited availability:

Fri.	April 14	7:05pm	CAL
Tues.	April 18	7:05pm	SEA
Tues.	May 9	7:05pm	KC
Wed.	May 24	7:05pm	MIL

### A Picnic Lover's Paradise!

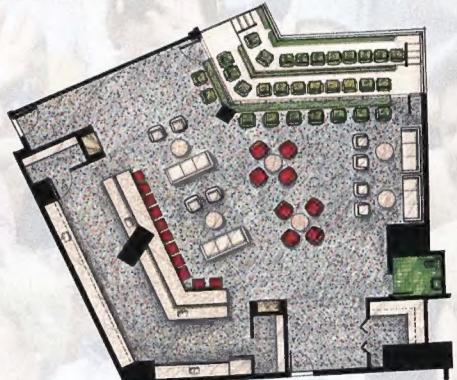
If you love good food and baseball, the **Davey Tree Picnic Plaza** is the place for you! Located in center field near the Indians bullpen, the Davey Tree Picnic Plaza is a park-like, multi-tiered area where your group of 30 or more can enjoy the fun of tailgaiting without the hassles! A variety of menus are available, including a box lunch menu, and a special kids menu. Space is limited, so make plans early. Call (216) 420-HITS for details.

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Join tray with all the trimmings, pommeroy potato salad and our signature cold fried chicken with gourmet pasta salad and rolls.

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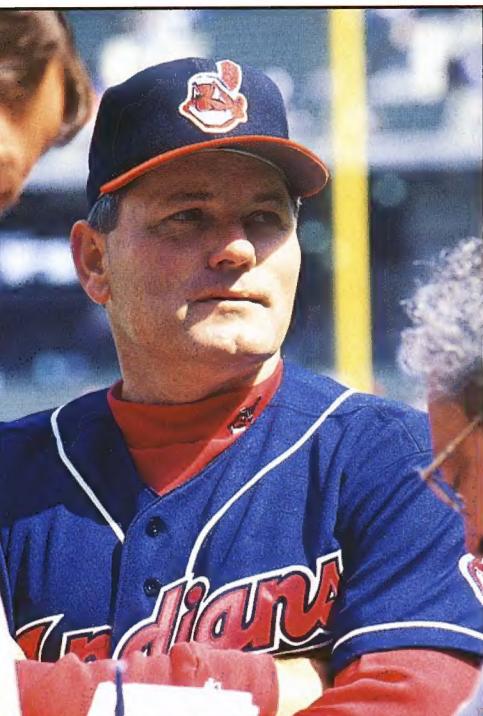


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# THE 1995 CLEVELAND INDIANS







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"I never doubted I could play in the Majors. I had questions about how long I would play. My initial goal was to play four years, enough to be vested in the pension plan.

"After I made "Rookie of the Year," my only thought was, 'Great! That award'll get me the four years I need because, no matter how bad, they'll always give me a chance for four years, anyway."

Hargrove shouldn't have worried. In 12 Major League seasons, he compiled a .292 career batting average, hitting better than .300

in half of them and better than .280 in nine. He arrived in the Majors able to hit. He needed to learn how to

handle the grind of day in, day out baseball. Learning that lesson has helped him as a manager, too.

"It's not so much a physical grind. It becomes a mental grind. Part of the reason for the minor leagues is to develop the mental strength to make it through a whole season. Down there, you play 130, 140 games a season and there are no days off. So you get used to the routine.

"Baseball's a sport, unlike football and basketball, where you don't sit in the clubhouse getting yourself psyched up to play. You don't get sky high, rock'em, sock'em, eat nails and scratch and claw before the game. We did it in football, but you had a week to recover.

"Baseball's played every day. So you learn to get your mental energy level up. You get ready to perform, to be quick, to react fast and be aggressive. In baseball, you get ready for certain situations. In other sports, you get ready for everything in general."

Another aspect of baseball's everyday grind, facing Hargrove as Indians manager, is keeping track of 25 separate individuals, each with a strong ego. Operating the mechanics of a baseball game are nothing compared to keeping 25 different personalities motivated, involved and productive.

"The toughest thing is riding the waves of a long season with 25 separate guys. When to steal, when to squeeze, when to change pitchers, when to hit and run, when to pitchout; those are things that involve your baseball instincts and knowledge. You've got charts and statistics with tendencies and you realize there's a 60 to 70 percent chance this or that will happen. Those things

will take care of themselves if you pay attention, do your homework and trust your instincts.

"Riding the ups and downs with the players mentally is the toughest thing I do. I have to keep them as mentally consistent as I can so that when they're needed in a specific situation, they can get up for that situation.

"A lot of times a player will go out and we'll say, 'Geez, he didn't even give an effort.' Well, he DID give an effort, physically. But mentally, he was flat. I've got to keep all 25 players mentally ready at all times."

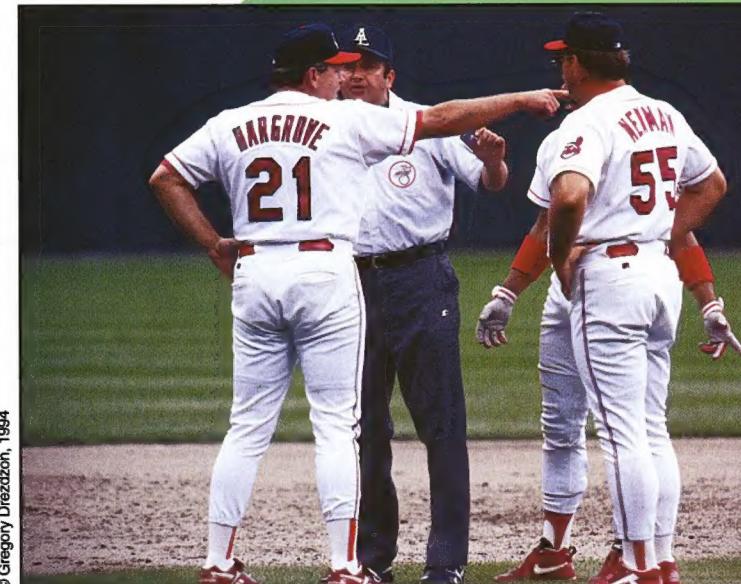
Hargrove's first big league manager was Billy Martin, a man to whom the label "normal" may never have been applied. Though different from Martin on the surface, Hargrove seems to simmer with the same competitive fire that fueled Martin.

"I learned a lot from Billy," he says. "But I learned a lot from every manager for whom I played. Dave Garcia was a normal kind of guy and he had a great influence on me.

"But Billy saw something in me at the Class A level and felt I could handle the Major Leagues after just a short minor league stay. I was impressed by his attention to detail, and how he would look for every edge he could find to give his team during a game. That's how I related to Billy Martin and that's the part of him I bring to my job every day."

Mike Hargrove also brings a resounding sense of stability to his job. Perhaps it comes from his Texas roots. Maybe it comes from his family. Maybe it's the result of a dozen big league seasons or maybe it's a combination.

Whatever the formula, there's no denying the results or the irony. Under the leadership of the amazingly normal Mike Hargrove, the Cleveland Indians and their fans are experiencing something of an abnormality, a success unlike any in the last four decades. Hargrove's hopes are that the Indians recent success will soon be viewed just as normal as he is.



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# TRUE GRIT



# HOW TO SCORE

Baseball fans can enjoy the sport to the fullest extent by keeping track of the game and pinpointing those big plays that bring victory or defeat. All you need is a basic knowledge of the rules.

Although there are countless scoring methods, experts use a simple code based on numbering players by position and tracing action through the use of symbols. It's easy and fun.

In fact, why not devise your own scoring system with the basic suggestions on this page.

One such suggestion on player substitutions is to use a heavy or wavy line under or over a box to indicate a change, either of a player or batter.

If a batter flies to the rightfielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is a foul fly, use 9F.

Now that you are an official "scorer," you can really enjoy baseball games.

Team	Pos.	1	2
Rightfielder	9	4-6 W	
2nd Baseman	4	3 4FO	
1st Baseman	3	=	
Centerfielder	8	SF 8	
Designated Hitter	DH	K	
Leftfielder	7		4-6
Catcher	2		DP 4-6-3
3rd Baseman	5		3
Shortstop	6		7
Pitcher	I		
TOTALS	R H	I I	I 2

Walked and was forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop).  
Reached first on fielder's choice when runner was forced out, advanced to third on double by 3rd place hitter, scored on 4th place hitter's sacrifice fly.  
Doubled; did not advance further.  
Flied out to center field scoring runner on third.  
Struck out—end of the inning.  
Singed; later forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop in first half of double play).  
Hit into double play (2nd baseman to shortstop to 1st baseman).  
Hit home run.  
Flied out to leftfielder—end of inning.

## USE THESE SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

— Single	FC Fielder's Choice	PB Passed Ball
= Double	HP Hit by Pitcher	BK Balk
≡ Triple	WP Wild Pitch	K Struck Out
☰ Home Run	SB Stolen Base	BB Base on Balls
E Error	SH Sacrifice Hit	FO Forced Out
F Foul Fly	SF Sacrifice Fly	IW Intentional Walk
DP Double Play	CS Caught Stealing	

## CAN YOU SCORE THIS PLAY?

The ball was hit to the shortstop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman was able to force out the runner who had been at first. He then threw the ball to the first baseman to get the batter out, turning a double play.



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BK SB  
WP W

In this example, the hitter reached first base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on pitcher's balk, scored on a wild pitch.



# Jacobs Field Trivia – Test your knowledge!

1. What Cleveland landmarks were emulated when Jacobs Field was designed?
  - A. the Terminal Tower
  - B. Cleveland State University
  - C. Bridges and smokestacks ever present in Cleveland's skyline
  - D. the brickwork around Public Square
2. How many seats are located in the bleachers?
  - A. 1,575
  - B. 2,102
  - C. 2,896
  - D. 1,785
3. Turned on its side, the scoreboard is as tall as...
  - A. a football field is long
  - B. the Caxton building
  - C. an airport runway
  - D. an 11-story building
4. How high above the playing field are the light towers?
  - A. 219 ft.
  - B. 120 ft.
  - C. 330 ft.
  - D. 275 ft.

5. How many people does the Press Box hold?
  - A. 65
  - B. 124
  - C. 96
  - D. 159
6. How many bats does the average Major League player use per month?
  - A. 24
  - B. 12
  - C. 5
  - D. 32



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7. How many bricks were used at Jacobs Field?
  - A. 800,000
  - B. 225,000
  - C. 490,000
  - D. 555,000
8. Why is there a yellow stripe on top of the outfield wall?
  - A. decorative purposes
  - B. so the umpire can easily judge a hit or a home run
  - C. so ushers can tell if fans are trying to put their hands into fair territory

# Focus on the game, not on focusing.



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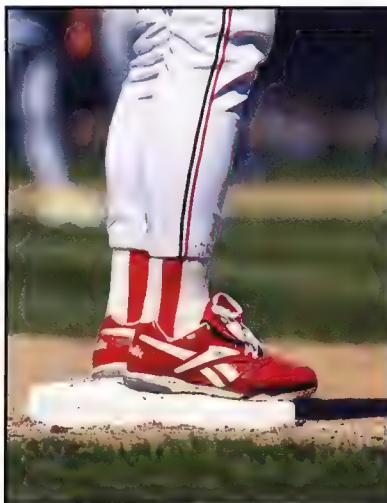
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## Answers on page 96

D. so players can judge how high to jump when trying to rob a batter of a home run

**9. How many miles of video cable is used throughout Jacobs Field?**

- A. 5,000 miles
- B. 45,000 miles
- C. 100,000 miles
- D. 165,000 miles



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**12. How many gallons of water do the sprinkler heads emit per minute (all running at the same time)?**

- A. 1,027 gallons
- B. 899 gallons
- C. 1,449 gallons
- D. 782 gallons

**13. How many AL baseballs are used during the regular season?**

- A. 50,750
- B. 21,600
- C. 35,800
- D. 17,700

**14. How many people run the state-of-the-art scoreboard during a game?**

- A. 11
- B. 15
- C. 23
- D. 19

**15. How many kinds of food are offered at Jacobs Field?**

- A. 88
- B. 49
- C. 76
- D. 70

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**"If a guy's throwing fastballs and curveballs, I'll say, 'try to throw this changeup.' I'll show him and if he can adapt with a couple quick pointers, I'll say he has the ability to learn, to take instruction and take criticism and go up one more step." —Tom Couston.**

"That gives me something to pry on. I really want this guy, but he's given me that response, so I check with the college, with his high school counselor—does he really have a scholarship, is it really 100% for the first year? And then I talk to him more about it, because we have to make sure we don't waste a draft pick."

Another question Couston needs to answer before he signs a player is, can he learn? "If a guy's throwing fastballs and curveballs, I'll say, 'try to throw this changeup.' I'll show him, and if he can adapt with a couple quick pointers, I'll say he has the ability to learn, to take instruction and take criticism and go up one more step."

If he's got the right tools, the right mindset and can be in the right place at the right time, he might make Tom Couston very happy by making it to the Major Leagues.



We're back at Jacobs Field. It's the bottom of the tenth, two out, Minnesota's up by a run on Shane Mack's solo shot into the visitors' bullpen in the top of the inning. Carlos Baerga has just hit a single down the right field line, sending Kenny Lofton to third. Albert Belle steps to the plate. Rick Aguilera fires a 90-mph fastball over the inside corner, and then Albert drives his second pitch deep into right field for a double.

You're out of your seat, you and the other 41,746 fans on this sultry August night, cheering Kenny home and Carlos into third base as Kirby Puckett comes up with the ball... and then, you hold your breath as third base coach Jeff Newman waves Baerga home, where he slides in with the winning run, well ahead of Puckett's throw.

You leave the Ballpark hoarse from cheering but mystified: what possessed Newman to challenge one of the best outfield arms in the American League? And Puckett's throw—how did Carlos manage to beat it?

Too bad you can't hear what Twins' manager Tom Kelly says to trainer Dick Martin: "We'd better get Kirby scheduled for X-rays. It looks like he did some real damage to his right shoulder when he made that diving catch last weekend."

Dom Chiti can't hear Kelly either. But he'll see the highlight film, and he'll know Mike Hargrove read his report.



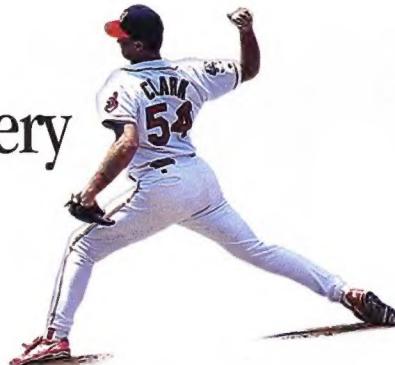
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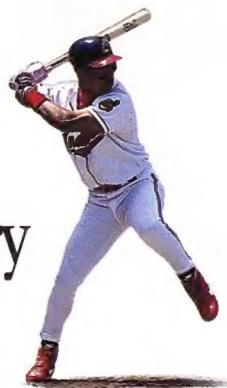
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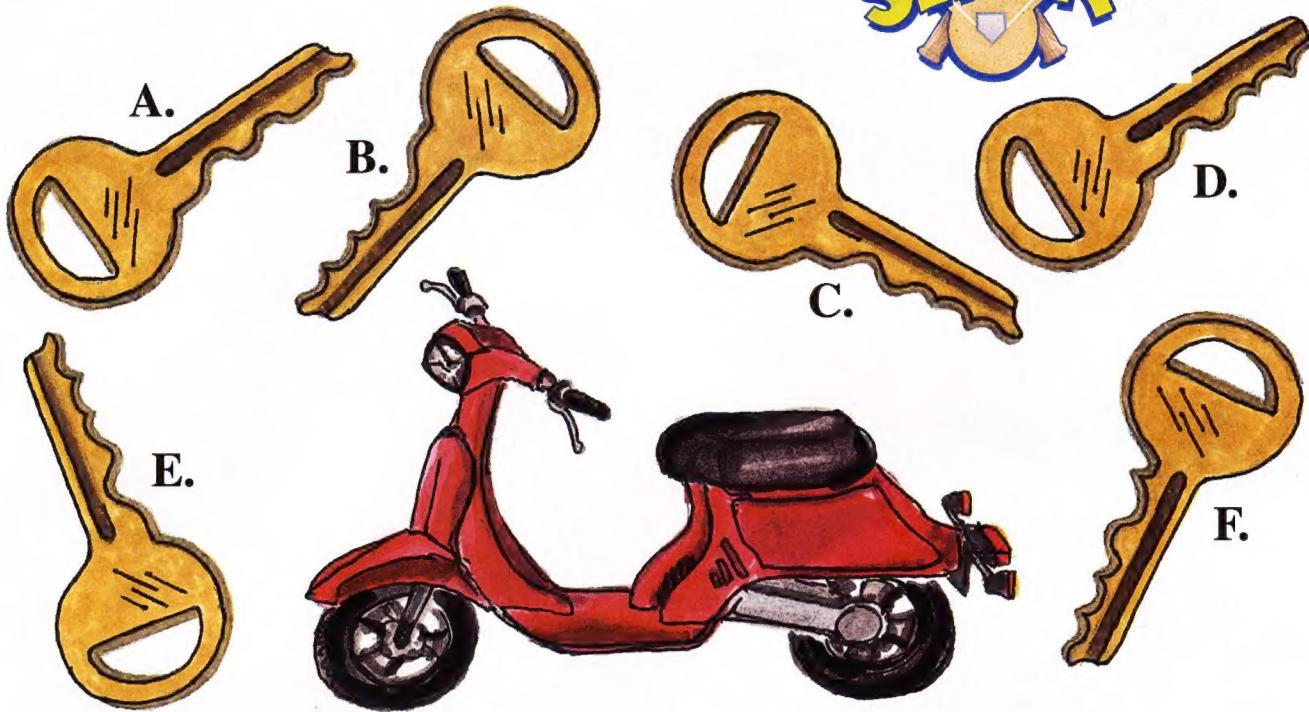
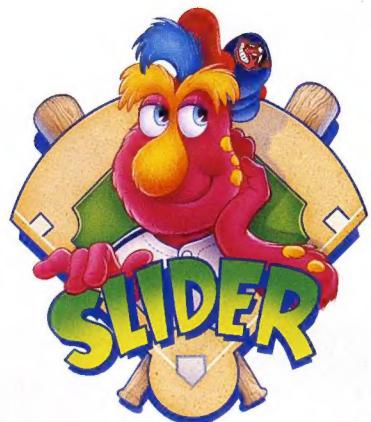


On The RADIO Home of The Indians



All Sports. All The Time.

Slider thought it would be a good idea to get a spare key made for his motor scooter—just in case he lost the original. When he went to the locksmith, he got SIX keys, but only one is an EXACT duplicate. Can you tell which of the two keys are exactly the same? Answer on page 96.



## SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A REPORTER!

Every Saturday home game, the Indians select 50 children to participate in the Kids Press Conference program, **sponsored by All Sport**. Selected children are given the opportunity to interview Indians players. The "Press Conference" takes place in the Press Function Room on the Service Level of the Ballpark from 11:45am-12:15pm before day games and from 6:45pm-7:15pm before night games. Portions of the program are replayed on the JumboTron and used on Indians pre-game radio the following Sunday.

Kids also receive a special press pass and an autographed certificate of participation.

Plan to come early on your next Saturday visit and you could be a winner!



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## TEST YOUR MEMORY SKILLS!

Are you really sure you looked at everything? See how well you can do:

1. What time is it?
2. What nationality is the person in the front row (the one wearing the big hat)?
3. What is the final score of the game?
4. Who are the Indians playing against?
5. How many balloons is the girl holding?
6. What is on top of the dugout?
7. What is the ballplayer inside the dugout doing?
8. How many bats are in the equipment box (inside the dugout)?
9. What is in the dugout that doesn't belong?
10. What is flying above the crowd?

How did you do?

**Less than five**— maybe you should try again!

**Five through eight**— Good job!

**All ten**— Fantastic!

## CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES

Cleveland Indians Charities was established in 1989 with the purpose of making a Major League impact in the areas of youth education and recreation. Through fund raising events such as the CIC Golf Classic, Stop-n-Shop's SpringFest, Jacobs Field tours, the CIC Luncheon Series and several concourse game booths, nearly \$500,000 has been raised for numerous organizations in northeast Ohio during the past six years. Some organizations and programs that benefit from CIC's efforts are: Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, Luke Easter Park, the Community Fund for Assisting Missing Youth (A.M.Y.), Shoes for Kids, Rookie League, Larry Doby RBI, Cleveland Indians Academy, United Way, the United Negro College Fund, Cleveland Baseball Federation and Esperanza.

## CLEVELAND INDIANS ACADEMY

In its second year at Joseph M. Gallagher Middle School, the Cleveland Indians Academy is helping students at risk of dropping out achieve and stay in school. They are learning social and academic skills to help them succeed in high school and in life. The four major components of the program include: academic instruction, support services, mentoring/job experiences and transition into high school. Through Cleveland Indians Charities, the Academy will receive \$150,000 during a three-year period.

## ESPERANZA, INC.

The Indians have found a partner in the Hispanic community by working with Esperanza, an organization dedicated to the educational enrichment of Hispanic youths in Greater Cleveland. Second baseman Carlos Baerga has personally donated a college scholarship for the past three years to a deserving student at the annual Fiesta of Hope Scholarship Luncheon. This year's Fiesta of Hope Luncheon celebration is scheduled for June 23. Please call 651-7178 for more detailed information.

## LARRY DOBY RBI PROGRAM

The Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program, **sponsored by SportsChannel**, continues to grow. Last summer it was officially renamed after Indians alumnus Larry Doby. In its third year, the league provides urban youths with an opportunity to learn and play baseball. The league extends past that goal and

stresses positive self-esteem, attendance, sportsmanship and positive life skills.

Games are played at League Park. With help from United Black Fund, local and national sponsors, the program includes playoff games, tournaments and an RBI World Series trip for the All-Stars to a Major League city.



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## UNITED WAY HOME RUN DERBY

This annual program enlists corporate support for each home run hit during the season by the United Way Home Run Derby player chairman. For doing what he does best, Albert Belle has helped raise more than \$108,000 in four years for United Way through the Derby. In eight years, Tribe sluggers have been instrumental in raising more than \$200,000 for United Way's area programs and services.



## BOTTOM OF THE NINTH



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**Okay, which is it gonna be, the bat or the bottle?**